



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

**105 W. Capitol – Suite 500
ABP Board Room, Little Rock, Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock., Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS:

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney
Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney
James L. Williams, II, Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Grace Allen Rice, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, ABP
Solomon Graves, Computer Support Specialist/ACA Coordinator, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Parole Services, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor - Revocation, ABP

Called to Order

The *Chairman* called the ABP meeting to order @ 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of September 10, 2009 Minutes

Carpenter, moved.

Felts seconded. Motion carried.

Population Reports

The Board reviewed the population reports submitted from: ADC, DCC and ABP.

Attorney General's Office

Mr. Don Barnes retired, effective 9/21/09 and Ms. Grace Allen Rice was the interim liaison from the AG's Office. Ms. Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General will be the new AG's liaison for ABP, effective October 5th. Ms. Rice gave an update on the pending lawsuits.

Hearing Examiners' Reports

The Hearing Examiners presented their reports on the hearings they conducted during the month of September.

OLD BUSINESS

ABP Updates: Members from the Board and assigned staff will be attending the Arkansas Adult Probation & Parole Association (AAPPA) Conference in Fayetteville 9/30/09 – 10/1/09. Ms. Lewis will notify Ms. Kim Knoll of DCC to confirm the members/staff attending from ABP. Those attending are: Commissioners Carpenter, Felts, Mays, Belken, Sanders, & ABP Investigator Robin Radford.

NEW BUSINESS

The Governor will be releasing funds for ADC to hire staff and open 360 beds by December at the Ouachita Unit.

The Chairman will be attending the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) Chair's Meeting in Dallas, TX on September 30th – October 2nd.

SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2009.

The hearing schedule was reviewed and the Board was requested to notify the Chairman and/or Tamara Salaam of any changes needed.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted in September.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Mays moved. *Belken* seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

LEROY BROWNEE
CHAIRMAN

SIGNATURE ON FILE

RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES BY UNITS**

SEPTEMBER 2009

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIAGNOSTIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EAST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MISSISSIPPI CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OUACHITA REGIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PINE BLUFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SWAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VARNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WRIGHTSVILLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (EPA), ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: RICHARD MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: JOHN BELKEN

RATIFICATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009